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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING METHOD
being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/05410,
filed August 11, 2000.

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/05410, filed August 11, 2000, which claimed priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 1999-229338, filed August 13, 1999.

The application, which is not in the English language is enclosed, for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.01 of the MPEP, Filing of Non-English Language Applications:

1. A check for \$730.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee and \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.
2. Non-English Application - 14 pages, including 1 independent claim and 9 claims total.
3. Drawings 4 sheets of drawings containing 5 figures.

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4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to TOKYO ELECTRON LIMITED.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 1999-229338, filed August 13, 1999.

An English translation of the non-English language papers will be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within the required time period.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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